

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 8, 15 and 16 being independent. Claims 1, 8, 15 and 16 have been amended to more clearly recite that the driver circuit is positioned between the first pixel portion and the second pixel portion, and claim 1 has been further amended to more clearly recite that a direction of light emission of the first light emitting element is opposite to a direction of light emission of the second light emitting element. No new matter has been introduced.

The amendments to claims 1, 8, 15 and 16 are for clarity, and do not raise new issues. As such, applicant submits that the amendments may properly be entered after the final rejection of August 8, 2006. Moreover, applicant notes that the arguments presented below are equally applicable regardless of whether the amendments are entered.

Claims 1-14 and 29-30 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Yamazaki (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0055384) in view of Kota (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0044782). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because neither Yamazaki, Kota, nor any proper combination of the two describes or suggests a driver circuit between first and second pixel portions, as recited in each of rejected independent claims 1 and 8.

The rejection once again indicates that Yamazaki describes first and second pixel portions including first and second light emitting elements in Figs. 22 and 24. However, as has been noted multiple times in applicant's prior responses, these figures are directed to two different embodiments (embodiments 8 and 10), and Yamazaki provides no indication that the light emitting elements of those two embodiments would be provided in a single device over a common substrate, as recited in claim 1. As such, Yamazaki nowhere describes or suggests first and second pixel portions on a common substrate (or otherwise) with a driver circuit between them.

Recognizing that Yamazaki does not show a light emitting device with a driver circuit between first and second pixel portions, the rejection relies upon Kota as showing, in Fig. 4, a light emitting device comprising a driver circuit 3 between first and second pixel portions 1a and

1b. However, neither Fig. 4 nor any other portion of Kota describes or suggests placing a driver circuit between first and second pixel portions. For example, Fig. 4 of Kota shows a traditional arrangement in which a row driving circuit 3 is positioned next to a pixel array that includes first and second pixel portions 1a and 1b. The row driving circuit 3 is in no way between the pixel portions 1a and 1b.

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 15-28, 31 and 32 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Yamazaki in view of Kota and Yamanaka (U.S. Patent No. 6,304,309). Like claims 1 and 8, each of independent claims 15 and 16 recites a light emitting device having a driver circuit between first and second pixel portions. Accordingly, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection for the reasons discussed above and because Yamanaka does not remedy the failure of Yamazaki and Kota to describe or suggest this aspect of the claims.

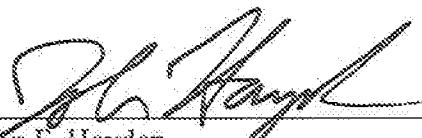
Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

No fees are believed due. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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